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Dear Jon:

Discussions with DOE and FDF have indicated to the Critical Analysis Team that the AWR project is being closely scrutinized. As a result of these discussions, the Team would like to reiterate the following points on the AWR project.

The AWR is an expensive program. Also, its procurement process yielded discouraging results. However, with aggressive and involved management on the part of FDF, particularly in design reviews, the project can succeed. Despite both these program characteristics, the AWR serves vitally important functions for the Silos Project. It is critical that the Silos Project, (1) separate waste retrieval from waste treatment; and, (2) expeditiously resolve the issue of rising radon levels. The AWR currently meets these two project needs.

The Team's detailed comments on AWR pros, cons, and concerns can be found in the two attached reports, FERNALD SILOS 1 AND 2 ACCELERATED WASTE RETRIEVAL STRATEGY CRITICAL ANALYSIS TEAM REPORT, and CRITICAL ANALYSIS TEAM REVIEW, ACCELERATED WASTE RETRIEVAL BID EVALUATION PROCESS.

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